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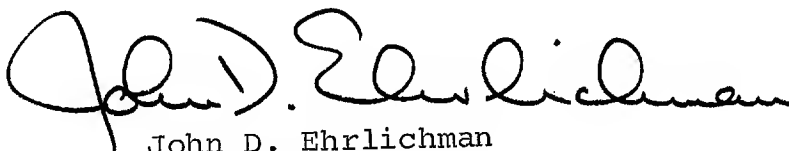
MEMORANDUM FOR      Honorable Richard Helms  
                            Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:    Status of Security Clearance Reviews

On June 30th, the President directed that each Government department and agency submit reports on the number and names of employees holding Top Secret and compartmented clearances (Memorandum entitled "Security Clearance Review" signed by B/G Alexander M. Haig). Your replies were duly received.

In addition, the June 30th memorandum directed each department and agency to initiate a review and screening of individuals holding Top Secret and compartmented clearances, with a view to effecting immediate reductions of all clearances which could not be demonstrated to meet the requirement of strict need to know. Particular consideration was to be given to the screening of employees in the consultant and contracted categories.

It is now more than two months since the above directive was issued, and it is requested that you forward to the undersigned for the President, by September 24, 1971, a status report on steps which you have taken to effect reductions in clearances pursuant to said June 30th directive.



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